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Bengaluru to Mysuru on foot

BJP-JD(S) kicks off 8-day padayatra

Challenging Congress 'corruption' as never before

Mysuru / Bengaluru, Aug. 3 (KMS, BLU & BCT)- The top leadership, functionaries and cadres of BJP and JD(S), now allies under NDA, began their eight-day *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* from Bengaluru to Mysuru this morning to expose the massive corruption in Congress Government.

The *yatra,* which concludes in Mysuru on Aug. 10, aims to highlight alleged corruption in State Government and demand the resignation of CM Siddaramaiah, who has received a show-cause notice from Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot regarding his alleged involvement in irregularities at MUDA involving crores of rupees.

In addition to addressing MUDA scam, the *yatra* seeks to draw public attention to Rs. 187 crore embezzlement at Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki ST Development Corporation and misuse of Rs. 39,000 crore from Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) funds for Congress guarantee schemes.

(See PADAYATRA on page 7)

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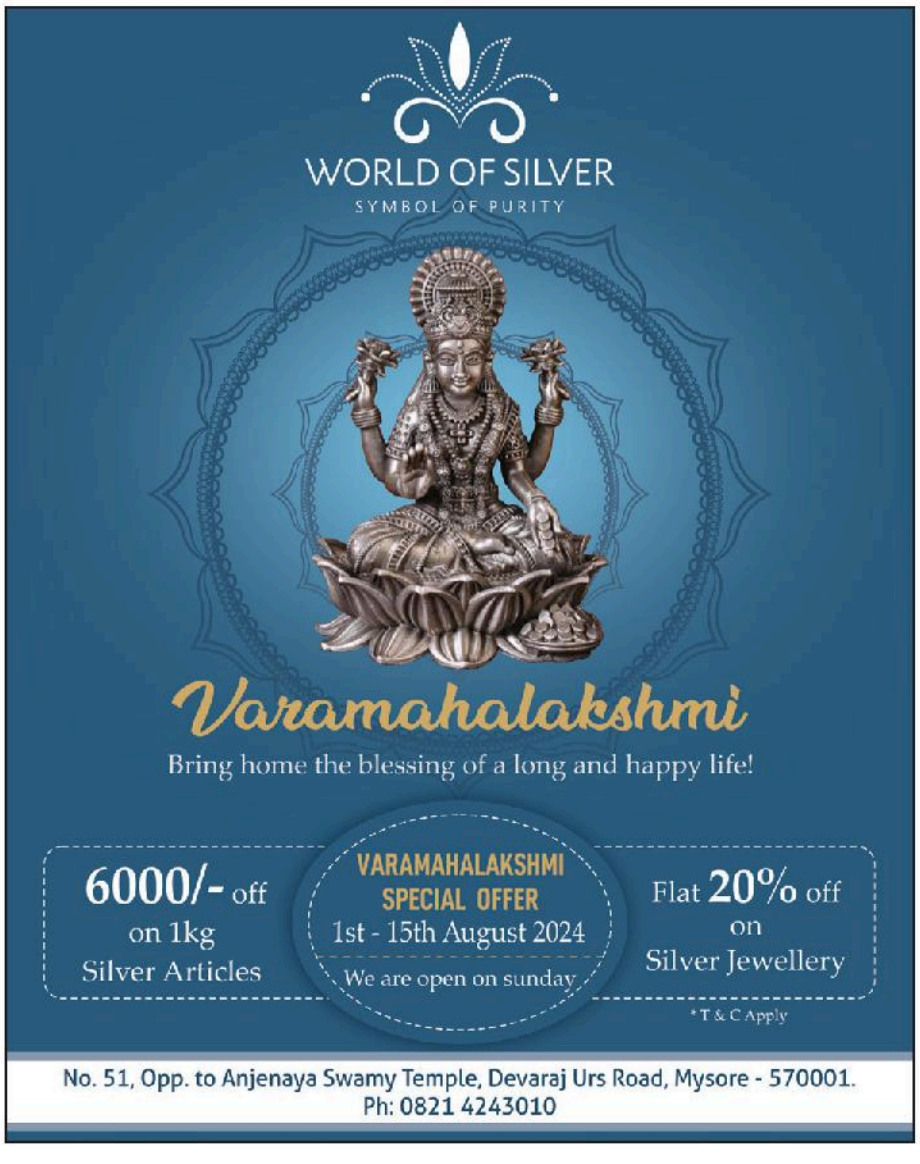
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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 3rd August 2024

D.S. Ramesh is new Mysuru Regional Commissioner

D.S. Ramesh

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (RK&DM)- Senior IAS Officer D.S. Ramesh took charge as the new Mysuru Division Regional Commissioner here on Thursday. The Mysuru Revenue Division has 8 districts — Mysuru, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, Mandya, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Chikkamagalur.

Ramesh, who was serving as the Horticulture Department Director at Bengaluru, has been appointed in place of Dr. G.C. Prakash, who retired upon superannuation on July 31.

Ramesh will also hold additional charge as the Administrative Officer of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

In other transfers, Dr. Arundhati Chandrashekar, who was serving as RDPR Department Commissioner at Bengaluru, has been posted as Director of Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj at Mysuru.

Rudresh appointed as KEA CEO

K. Rudresh

Mysuru, Aug. 3- K. Rudresh, who was serving as the Deputy Director of Horticulture at Mysuru, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) in Mysuru. Rudresh, who has been appointed on deputation until further orders, replaces the current CEO Rajesh G. Gowda, who has been transferred, according to an order issued by the Government.

H.B. Vijaykumar takes charge as Hunsur Assistant Commissioner

Vijaykumar

Hunsur, Aug. 3- H.B. Vijaykumar took charge as Assistant Commissioner of Hunsur Sub-Division here on Thursday. Vijaykumar, a Junior Grade KAS Officer, who was serving at DPAR (State Protocol) at Bengaluru, was recently appointed as Hunsur Assistant Commissioner, following which he took charge of the post from Mysuru's Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO, KIADB) Dr. N.C. Venkataraju.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE: ***Mankind has been blessed with the ability to think. This is a great boon. But it is a faculty that has to be sharpened through reading, said Malayaman in a discourse. Wealth that we acquire can be lost due to natural calamities, or it can be stolen from us. But what we read always remains with us, in times of joy and in times of sorrow. Thiruvalluvar tells us that unlike the things that we call wealth, education is true wealth. It is wealth that is never destroyed.***

In another verse, Thiruvalluvar says that a learned man notices that the world is happy because he is well read. And this serves as an impetus for him to read more. There are two types of knowledge — that which we need for managing daily life, and spiritual knowledge. Thirumoolar says that there was a time when he had not understood the meaning of Self. When he did, his previous state of ignorance vanished. In another verse in his Tirumandiram, Thirumoolar says that as long as a man has no self-realisation, he gets caught in worldly life. Once he understands the nature of the *atma,* ***he acquires divinity. Thus, while we need to acquire knowledge that helps us tackle the everyday problems of life, and to make a living, this alone is not enough. For the*** *atma* ***to attain liberation, one must also pay attention to spiritual knowledge. Learning and reading must continue throughout life and must not be time-bound.*** *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman hasn't slept for over 30 years!

Long An (Vietnam): A Vietnamese woman has been dubbed a "sleepless mutant" because of her alleged ability to shun sleep completely. She claims to have remained awake continuously for three decades.

Nguyen Ngoc My Kim - 49, is known as "the seamstress who never sleeps" in her home province of Long An, a nickname she gladly accepts because it apparently suits her. Every time Miss Kim's reputation attracted the attention of the media, she confirmed that she hadn't slept in several decades, adding that the complete lack of sleep hadn't affected her health at all. However, the Vietnamese seamstress has always been quick to point out that she wasn't born with the ability to function without sleep, she conditioned herself to stay up late ever since she was a little girl. At first, she would lose sleep because she loved reading late into the night, and later, when she started working as a seamstress, she worked late in order to complete her orders. At one point, she didn't feel the need to sleep at all, so she didn't.

Doctors remove live eel from man's abdomen

Hanoi: Doctors at Hanoi's Viet Duc Hospital recently saved a young man's life by performing emergency surgery to remove a live eel that had bitten through his intestines and entered his abdominal cavity.

On July 27, a 31-year-old Indian national was brought to the emergency room of Viet Duc Hospital in Hanoi with severe abdominal pain. The unnamed man told hospital staff that he had inserted a live eel into his body through his backside shortly before he began experiencing excruciating abdominal pain. The doctors didn't believe the patient at first. However, X-ray imaging and ultrasound exams showed a horizontal radiopaque skeleton in the man's abdominal cavity which turned out to be an actual live eel.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Breastmilk can help protect babies from infection and illness. Antibodies in breastmilk can pass on protection mothers have from illnesses (past to present) to their baby.

By Mrs. Vinutha S - Lactation Counsellor - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

CME on semen analysis

Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on the topic "Importance of automation in semen analysis in evaluation of male infertility" was conducted by Bhagavan Pathology Laboratory in association with Medical Electronic System India Pvt. Ltd., at Hotel Southern Star in city recently. Dr. N. Chandan *(extreme left),* ***who was the main speaker, is seen with*** *(from left)* ***Dr. N. Sriram, Dr. N. Siddharth, Alayamani Kannan and Surya Kumar.***

WATER LEVEL

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REALLY...?

- *The lion is the most prevalent predator of a zebra.*
- *Grant's zebras live on the African savanna.*
- *White-coloured stripes can be 18 degrees cooler than their dark counterparts.*
- *Zebras use their stripes to camouflage themselves in tall grasses.*
- *Zebras fight off predators by kicking and biting.*
- *Zebras have excellent eyesight and are one of the few mammals that can see in colour. However, zebras cannot see the colour orange.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two boys were talking about the various illnesses and accidents they had suffered.
First boy: Once, I couldn't walk for a year.
Second boy: When was that?
First boy: When I was a baby!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.78
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 107.25
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VOICE OF THE READER

Potholes adding dishonour to our honoured clean city

Let MCC officers go on *padayatra* to see filthy, crater-like roads

Sir,

This is to bring to the notice of the civic authorities concerned of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the elected representatives about the pathetic condition of our once-beautiful city.

The biggest factor contributing to this state is the potholes that have plagued the city roads. The civic authorities have repeatedly failed to provide a timely and proper solution for this recurring problem.

We do not understand the reasons for this negligent attitude or the substandard and shabby work. Every year, as monsoon or heavy rains hit Mysuru, the roads become like swimming pools of filthy water.

The authorities should take a padayatra around the major roads of the city, such as in front of the Suburban Bus Stand, Hardinge Circle, Nazarbad Main Road and many other major roads that have been crippled by potholes and ditches.

The rainy season exacerbates the problem as water collects in these ditches, becoming breeding spots for mosquitoes, which cause dengue and other deadly diseases. Year after year, this menace repeats and the elected representatives of all three Assembly Constituencies of Mysuru have failed to come up with a solution.

Once India's cleanest city, Mysuru has been falling in the rankings year by year due to such lackadaisical attitudes of the authorities.

Even today, people outside Mysuru honour our city as one of the cleanest. Let this honour remain when they visit our city. We hope the authorities will wake up from their slumber soon and take concrete steps towards addressing this issue.

—Dr. Suhail Azam Khan
on e-mail

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New software developed for Co-op. Societies of Visually Impaired

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (VNS)- Sitara IT Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, has developed Asia's first new software for the Co-operative Societies of Visually Impaired, said Company Chairman and Managing Director R. Krishna.

He said that the new software eases account maintenance and book keeping. The software was useful not only for Co-operative Societies of Visually Impaired but also for PDS (Public Distribution System) and other Co-op. Societies. As it is voice-enabled, users can use the web-based software with voice commands.

Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of BGS Mutt launched the Software on July 29. N. Veerakyathayya & staff of KSEC Society for Blind, Company Directors Suma Prakash & Abhishek, Rtn. Sunil Baliga and Sringeri Mutt Mysuru Dharmadarshi H. Ramachandra were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Award ceremony

Writer **Siddanakoppalu Kumar** will be conferred with the State-level 'Akshara Naada Kautilya' award in consideration of his achievements, writings and social service, at the 'Kavi, Kavya, Katha Sangama' programme organised by Akshara Nada Publications at the District Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, tomorrow (Aug. 4) between 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Annual Meetings

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of **Geleyara Balaga Abhivruddhi Sahakara Sangha Niyamita**, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage in city, will take place at Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Arya Ediga Students Hostel, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, at 10.30 am tomorrow. Sangha President Dr. Vasantha will preside over the meeting. For details, contact Mob: 94486-43240.

Pragathi Sahakara Sangha Niyamita will hold its AGM at Hoysala Garden Restaurant on JLB Road in city tomorrow at 10.30 am. Pragathi Sahakara Sangha President M. Ravikumar will preside. A free eye screening camp has also been organised at same venue at 10 am. [Mob: 94820-49571]

Book release tomorrow

Four volumes of writer S. Chikkasavaka's book 'Samvidhana Sabhe Versus Ambedkar' will be released at a programme organised at District Kannada Sahitya Parishat in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here at 4 pm tomorrow. Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, activist Devanur Puttananjaiah said that writer Prof. K.S. Bhagavan will release the book. Senior Littérateur Horeyala Doreswamy will preside. Journalist B.R. Rangaswamy and senior theatre personality C. Basavalingaiah will speak about the book. Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, former Mayor Purushottam and Dr. R. Mohanraj will be the chief guests on the occasion, Puttananjaiah said.

State-level Seminar

Bhagavad Ramanuja National Research Institute, Melukote, in association with the Oriental Research Institute (ORI), University of Mysore (UoM), will be conducting a one-day State-level Seminar on 'Vishishtadvaita - Naya Chintanam' at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri at 10 am on Aug. 7. UoM Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. N.K. Lokanath will inaugurate the Seminar. Bengaluru's Karnataka Sanskrit University VC Dr. S. Ahalya will preside over the event.

CM holds breakfast meeting with Congress leaders in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (BLU&DM)- With the sword of Damocles hanging over his head in respect of Karnataka Governor's stance on granting permission for his prosecution in connection with the multi-crore MUDA 50:50 ratio sites allotment scam, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a breakfast meeting with local Congress leaders and Legislators at his residence in Ramakrishnanagar here this morning.

During the meeting, Siddaramaiah, who reportedly looked tense for some time, vented out his anger at a former MLA, who raised the raging MUDA scam which has hit national headlines, by saying that all this would not have happened but for their (party leaders) follies, it is learnt.

The meeting was attended by Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, who is also the CM's Legal Advisor, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and a host of other Legislators, former Legislators and Congress party leaders.

Later, he held a closed door meeting with Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and K. Venkatesh and a few sitting party MLAs including K. Harishgowda, D. Ravishankar and C. Puttarangashetty, during which he is said to have discussed in detail about the process involved in the Governor's sanction for prosecution of the CM based on a private complaint, the Governor's moves in this regard and the probability of giving sanction. The meeting is said to have lasted for about 90 minutes.

Thereafter, the CM, who came out of his house, refused to speak to the media and left in his official car for Bokkahalli in Nanjangud taluk which is badly affected by the recent floods. He will subsequently travel to Hassan district, where he will inspect the landslides along Shiradi Ghat and the damages caused by floods in Sakaleshpur taluk and surrounding places, it is learnt.

Man gets 10-year RI for sexually assaulting mentally-challenged woman

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (RK&BS)- A 47-year-old man, accused of sexually assaulting a mentally challenged woman, has been sentenced to 10 years Rigorous Imprisonment (RI), upon conviction, by a Court in the city yesterday.

Kumar alias Kumati, aged 47 years and native of Avarthi village, Periyapatna taluk, in the district, is the convicted person. He had been charged of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old mentally challenged woman, who was alone at her house on Apr. 27, 2022. He had later gone absconding.

Following a complaint by the victim's mother, the then Circle Police Inspector of Bylakuppe Station B.G. Prakash had registered a case against the accused and had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court.

Seventh Additional District and Sessions Court Judge M. Ramesh, who heard the arguments and counter arguments in the case, found the accused guilty on the basis of evidences related to the case. Under rape charge, he was convicted under IPC Section 376 (2) (I), for 10 years Rigorous Imprisonment and was imposed a fine of Rs. 50,000, while under IPC Section 450, he was sentenced for six months imprisonment. All the sentences will run concurrently.

Special Public Prosecutor K. Nagaraj argued on behalf of the prosecution.

Four held for stealing water pumps

Mysuru Rural Police seen with seized submersible water pumps and vehicles used in the theft.

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (MK&KS)- Mysuru Rural Police have arrested four persons on charges of stealing submersible water pumps and have recovered 11 submersible pumps besides seizing Rs. 18,000 cash, one Ashok Leyland goods vehicle, one Ape goods auto, one Tata Indica car, one passenger auto and one commercial LPG cylinder from them.

Those arrested are 24-year-old Jafar Sadiq alias Baba of Nehru Nagar, 35-year-old Mohammed Moiuddin alias Bihari of Raghavendranagar, 25-year-old Abdul Jameel alias PK of Bharat Nagar and Nayaz Khan alias Bengaluri of Tanveer Sait Nagar. They were arrested when the Police were conducting their morning patrol at Bharat Nagar on Thursday.

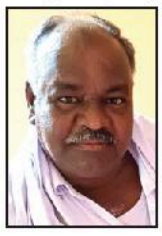
During the morning patrolling, the Police found an Ashok Leyland goods vehicle (KA-46-5438) moving around in a suspicious manner and intercepted the vehicle. When the Cops checked the vehicle, they found four submersible water pumps and on questioning those in the vehicle, the Cops came to know that the pumps were stolen and took the accused into custody.

On further questioning, the Police came to know that the accused were involved in one theft case each in Mysuru Rural, Arakere and Kavalande Police limits and two cases in T. Narasipur Police limits and three cases in Hullahalli Police limits.

Additional SP L. Nagesh guided Inspector Dr. M.L. Shekar, Sub-Inspector K.A. Chandra, Assistant Sub-Inspector Satish and staff Abdul Lathif, Bhaskar, Ashok, C.K. Mahesh, Vishwanath, Sunil Kumar and Driver Sanjay in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Obituary

M. Mahadevu



Mysuru, Aug. 3- M. Mahadevu (59), former Hanchya Gram Panchayat Member and a former President of Hanchya Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Veena, sons Suman and Sharath and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farmland in Hanchya village of Mysuru taluk.

R. Vipul

R. Vipul (16), son of Police Head Constable Rangaswamy and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram in the city, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his parents, a brother and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here this afternoon.

Rs. 10 lakh offer for shoes Rahul Gandhi mended, but won't sell: UP Cobbler

Sultanpur (UP), Aug. 3 (Agencies)- Ram Chet, a cobbler in Uttar Pradesh's Sultanpur, is no longer just another man stitching torn sandals and polishing leather shoes on the roadside.

He is now the man in demand, people are coming to his makeshift shop to click selfies, officials are asking him if all is well and passers-by are stopping their cars to greet him. All thanks to a visit by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

In Sultanpur to attend a Court hearing in a defamation case, the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha stopped by Ram Chet's shop. During this brief halt, Rahul Gandhi asked the cobbler about his trade and also tried his hand at mending shoes. Visuals of him trying to stitch a sandal had gone viral.

A day later, Ram Chet got a sewing machine from Congress leader. This machine makes it easier to stitch shoes and will help Ram Chet in his work.

The cobbler said his life had changed after the Congress leader's visit. "People are stopping their bikes and cars and calling out to me. He has given me a lot of respect," Ram Chet said.

The cobbler is getting huge offers for the footwear Rahul Gandhi stitched that day, with one caller offering as much as Rs. 10 lakh. "The offers are becoming bigger. They started with Rs. 5 lakh and have now gone up to Rs. 10 lakh. One caller offered me bags full of cash, but I refused. I won't sell them," he said.

"These are the shoes stitched by my leader and I will frame them in glass and keep them. I will not sell even if somebody offers me Rs. 1 crore. I will not give the shoes back to the original owner. Instead, I will give him some other shoes or pay its price to him and keep this as a souvenir," he added.

While responding to a reporter's questions, the cobbler jokes, "Rahul Gandhi is my partner. We run the shop in partnership."

Recounting his conversation with the Congress leader, Ram Chet said that Rahul Gandhi asked him about his work. "He asked me how shoes are pasted, I showed him and he did it."

Ram Chet lives in a makeshift hut that has no power supply. Officials have started making the rounds of his shanty since his photograph with Rahul Gandhi circulated on social media. "People from the administration are now coming and asking me about my problems. They never came before."

The cobbler's run-down accommodation doesn't have a power supply. Asked how he will use the sewing machine in the dark, he told reporters, "My son's home has an electricity connection. I will keep the machine at his place and do the sewing work."

Raghuram, the cobbler's son, said that they were delighted to meet the Congress leader. "He treated us with respect and dignity. He asked me why I am not in this profession anymore. I told him that when I worked as a cobbler, people did not respect me. So I left the profession. I work as a labourer now," he said.

Bengaluru Police impose speed limit on NICE Road

Ban on two-wheelers from 10 pm to 5 am every day

Bengaluru, Aug. 3 (Agencies)- In a major step to prevent accidents on NICE Road, the Bengaluru City Police have banned the movement of two-wheelers during night time and set the speed limit for all vehicles for the first time since the road opened to motorists in 2008.

The restriction took effect on Aug. 2. Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B. Dayananda issued a notification banning two-wheelers from 10 pm to 5 am every day until further notice.

The Police observed that accidents involving two-wheelers were more frequent at night. The notification stated that fatal and non-fatal accidents on NICE Road were due to over speeding, rash and negligent driving. There has been a yearly increase in deaths and injuries.

The speed limits set are as follows: For M1 category vehicles (motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers with no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat), the speed limit is 120 kmph.

For motor vehicles with nine or more seats in addition to driver's seat, speed limit is 100 kmph.

For motorcycles and vehicles used for carriage of goods, the speed limit is 80 kmph. Despite LED signboards indicating speed limits, accidents have continued to occur. Senior Police officials raised concerns over the issue, prompting the Commissioner to set these speed limits.

NICE Road, a 23.5 km stretch, connects Kengeri, Kamakshipalya, Jnanabarathi, and Byatarayanapura. Another 21 km stretch connects Talaghattapura, K.S. Layout, Hulimavu, and Electronic City.

In addition to over speeding, lane discipline violations contribute to the rising number of accidents. According to statistics, since 2022, there have been approximately 296 accidents on NICE Road, with 92 being fatal and 204 non-fatal.

Senior Traffic Police requested the speed limit notification, noting that investigations revealed driver negligence and absence of speed limits as causes of accidents. The notification has been issued under Section 115 of The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Section 3 of Karnataka Traffic Control Act, 1960.

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Vedike's plan to lay siege to BJP City Office foiled

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (GA&VNS)- About 60 members including women of Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagrutha Vedike led by its State President K.S. Shivaramu held a protest rally against the BJP and JD(S) in city, this morning. The protestors, who arrived at Ekalavya Circle in front of the Maharaja College Ground, shouted slogans against State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra and other leaders accusing them of conspiracy to tarnish the image of AHINDA leaders in the State including CM Siddaramaiah.

Later, the protestors holding placards marched toward BJP City office passing through Krishnaraja Boulevard and Vani Vilas Road where they were stopped by the Police following which they gathered in front of the Mahatma Gandhi bust in front of Mysore Court Complex and staged a dharna against the Mysore Chalo padayatra being taken up by the BJP and JD(S) parties.

Congress leaders N.R. Nagesh, J.J. Anand, Ravinandan and Lokesh Kumar took part.

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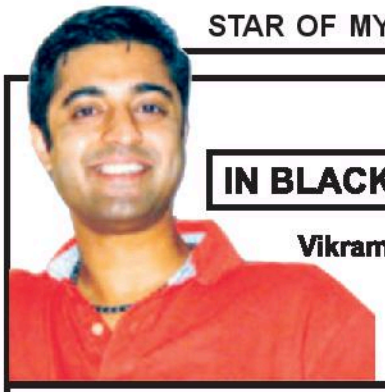

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Vikram Muthanna

For the love of one's child they ruined a Legacy & Community

At a recent book launch event in Bengaluru, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP **Prathap Simha** posed a poignant question: "If political leaders worry only about their own children, who will take care of the children of other people, who also work for the party?" The answer, it appears, is no one.

Across the political spectrum, senior politicians are engrossed in securing their children's futures, treating political leadership as a family franchise. While nepotism is a global phenomenon, it runs particularly deep in India.

The prevalence of political dynasties in Mysuru district and its surroundings is staggering. From Gundlupet to Kodagu, the landscape is dotted with 'nepo-babies'.

Consider Gundlupet, where former MLA late H.S. Mahadeva Prasad's son, H.M. Ganesh Prasad, holds the MLA seat. In Hunsur, MLA G.T. Devegowda's son, G.D. Harish Gowda. The Narasimharaja Constituency sees Tanveer Sait, son of former Minister late Azeez Sait, as its MLA. In Nanjangud, former MP late R. Dhruvanarayan's son Darshan Dhruvanarayan is the MLA.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son and former Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah is an MLC now. In Chamarajanagar, Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa's son, Sunil Bose, occupies the Parliament seat. Kodagu's Virajpet is represented by A.S. Ponnanna, son of late Congress leader and ex-MLC A.K. Subbaiah. In Madikeri, Sakleshpur MLA A. Manju's son Dr. Manthar Gowda is the MLA.

The scenario worsens in the Mysuru City Corporation, where some Wards have become hereditary fiefdoms. Unfortunately, many of these political heirs do not join politics to serve the people but for self-serving reasons.

These 'nepo-Netas' have witnessed their fathers allegedly amass wealth with impunity, leveraging cash and caste to secure re-election, and engaging in **'adjustment' politics** that ensures mutual safety and continued dominance. Consequently, politics becomes a 'safe' business.

However, this obsession with family legacy often jeopardises political careers. **Fathers, in their quest to establish their children, sometimes tarnish their legacies. The case of Siddaramaiah, H.D. Deve Gowda and B.S. Yediyurappa is illustrative.**

Once viewed as a leader who wouldn't involve his family in politics, Siddaramaiah is now grooming his grandson Dhawan (son of late Rakesh Siddaramaiah) for political life. His first son, Rakesh Siddaramaiah, was expected to carry the family's political torch until his untimely death.

Dr. Yatindra Siddaramaiah, who with his mellow face and demeanour seemed well suited for the aisles of a hospital, jumped into politics. Since then, Siddaramaiah has always been in some form of mental 'unrest'.

In 2018, Siddaramaiah vacated his home Constituency of Varuna for Chamundeshwari, a Constituency he had lost twice, seemingly for the love of his son, Dr. Yathindra. The result was a significant defeat for a sitting CM.

Now, Dr. Yatindra, as an MLA, who was on the MUDA Board, failed to reject a contentious land deal favouring his mother B.M. Parvathi, exposing Siddaramaiah to corruption accusations, a *padayatra* by the Opposition, and a show-cause notice from the Governor.

For the love of his child, Siddaramaiah compromised his 'non-corrupt' legacy.

Similarly, H.D. Deve Gowda built the JD(S) from the ground up, and his sons took it to confusing heights. They left people confused about their ideology — one day they would be with BJP and another day with Congress.

Then of course the grandsons got involved in the business and they 'erected' a new business 'vertical' — sex scandals. Again…

For the love of children and grandchildren, H.D. Deve Gowda ruined an otherwise good legacy.

Then we have B.S. Yediyurappa the man who built the BJP from the ground up in Karnataka. As the party grew, his sons joined the business. Then one of them got entangled with the mining lobby which led to Yediyurappa being sent to jail. Again…

For the love of children, he ruined a legacy of being a decisive and powerful leader.

The most intriguing aspect of this familial political enterprise is its reliance on community support.

Siddaramaiah's political relevance stems from the Kurubas and Other Backward Classes, Yediyurappa's from the Lingayats and the JD(S) from the Vokkaligas. Yet, have these communities ever questioned what have these three families done for their respective communities? Not for the rich in their community, but for the poor in their community?

How many scholarships for poor students have they instituted? How many poor members in their community have been uplifted? Also, why can't they ask for a survey about this instead of harping about 'caste census' which only helps them know their vote bank and design their future political strategy?

Most importantly one needs to ask — have they fostered new grassroots leaders from within their community? The answer is unequivocally, none.

Senior leaders have often sacrificed the careers of promising young leaders within their communities to secure their children's future. In doing so, they have stifled the emergence of true grassroots voices, ultimately harming the very communities they purport to represent.

For the love of their children, they have killed the future leadership of their communities which means new ideas will not come forth, progress and prosperity in the community will come at the mercy of these few families, and we will no longer be a democracy.

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BJP-JD(S) kicks off Mysuru Chalo Padayatra

(Continued from page 1)

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (JDS) and former CM B.S. Yediyurappa (BJP) launched the *padayatra* from Manjunatha Convention Hall near Kengeri Kempamma Temple in Bengaluru. The foot march began with much fanfare with folk troupes performing and creating a festive atmosphere, attracting the people and onlookers.

A host of leaders including BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Haveri MP Basavaraj Bommai, Leader of the Opposition in Assembly R. Ashoka, JD(S) Core Committee President and MLA G.T. Devegowda, MPs Tejaswi Surya and Govind Karjol, former JD(S) Minister Bandeppa Kashempur, JD(S) youth wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy and former Dy.CM Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan were present.

On the first day of the *padayatra* today, participants will march to Bidadi, approximately 20 km from Kengeri, where they will rest at the Manjunatha Choultry at Bidadi. The event is expected to attract around 10,000 people daily from across the Old Mysuru region, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar.

Govt. grants permission

The *padayatra* will cover a total distance of 132 kms, concluding with a valedictory function in Mysuru city on Aug. 10. Initially, the State Government had indicated that it would not permit the *padayatra;* however, it reversed this decision yesterday and granted permission for the *yatra* to pass through various districts.

The High Court issued an interim order yesterday directing authorities to respond appropriately to the representation filed by the BJP requesting permission for *padayatra*. The petition, filed by P. Rajeev, General Secretary of BJP State Unit and former MLA from Kudachi Constituency, sought permission and protection for the proposed *padayatra* from Kengeri to Mysuru.

Vijayendra prays in Mysuru

Before the commencement of the *padayatra,* Vijayendra, along with his family, visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru. Former MLA and City BJP President L. Nagendra was also present. Vijayendra rushed back to Bengaluru to be a part of the foot march inaugural ceremony.

Speaking to reporters, Vijayendra said that, he prayed to Goddess Chamundeshwari for the success of the *padayatra*. "The Congress Government under Siddaramaiah has taken power under false pretences but has betrayed the community it promised to serve. Corruption in the Congress government has reached unprecedented levels and justice must be served to the affected communities and those responsible for corruption must be punished," he said.

Vijayendra stated that the Opposition serves as the voice of the people. *"Our 'Mysuru Chalo"* movement is not about individuals; it represents our commitment to safeguarding the wealth and rights of the people. It is crucial to remove the corrupt Congress Government. We seek everyone's cooperation and support for this significant march to express public's anger. I urge the community to join us in this effort," Vijayendra said.

Chief Minister will resign in a week: BSY

After inaugurating the padayatra, former CM B.S. Yediyurappa said, "We are undertaking this *padayatra* to protest against MUDA scam. We expect CM Siddaramaiah to resign by the end of the *padayatra*. His corruption has been exposed, and Siddaramaiah will have to resign from his position and return home while the *padayatra* is still in progress," he said.

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, State BJP Incharge Dr. Radha Mohan Das Agarwal and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi beating the drums to inaugurate the eight-day *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra* ***near Kengeri this morning, as MLA G.T. Devegowda, Opposition Leader in Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, JD(S) Youth wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, Chitradurga MP Govind Karjol, Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka, MLA Munirathna, Union Ministers V. Somanna & Shobha Karandlaje and others look on.***

Former MLA Preetham Gowda conspicuous by his absence

Bengaluru, Aug. 3 (BCT)- Former BJP MLA Preetham J. Gowda from Hassan was notably absent from the *padayatra*. Kumaraswamy had objected to the BJP's decision to appoint Preetham Gowda as the head of *padayatra* and refused to participate. Kumaraswamy accused Gowda of being the 'kingpin' behind distribution of pen drives containing clips of alleged sexual abuse by former JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna.

Following Kumaraswamy's objection, BJP leaders in Delhi, led by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, intervened to resolve the issue.

After extensive negotiations, Kumaraswamy agreed to participate in the *padayatra* with his party. Ultimately, Kumaraswamy's will prevailed, and Preetham Gowda was not present in the *padayatra* today.

Traffic jam at Kengeri

Bengaluru, Aug. 3 (BCT)- The BJP-JD(S) *padayatra*, which commenced in Kengeri, southwestern Bengaluru, caused major traffic congestion in the early hours today. The Mysuru-bound *padayatra* began at Kengeri and will proceed through Bidadi and Ramanagara before reaching Mysuru on Aug. 10.

Today morning, Mysuru Road saw heavy traffic congestion near NICE Road toll plaza. Outbound traffic was particularly affected, with delays stretching from Kengeri bus station and Challaghatta metro station past NICE Road toll plaza. This congestion hit traffic from the eastern arm of NICE Road, affecting vehicles from Hemmigepura towards Mysuru Road.

An aerial view of *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra,* ***inaugurated at Kengeri on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road today.***

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Rain damage, landslides in Kodagu

CM Siddaramaiah promises financial aid, new houses

Madikeri, Aug. 3 (PS&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has assured that a compensation of Rs. 1.20 lakh will be provided for any house destroyed in Kodagu district, with the construction of new houses undertaken by the D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation.

During his visit to several rain-hit areas of the district yesterday, the CM inspected damaged houses across all five taluks in Kodagu and areas affected by landslides.

Partially damaged houses will receive a compensation of Rs. 50,000, with an additional Rs. 43,000 from the State funds, which are already being transferred directly to the victims' accounts. Compensation for livestock losses is set at Rs. 35,000 per animal.

The CM discussed mitigation measures with officials and locals, particularly in Srimangala and Kutta in Ponnampet taluk, where landslides have caused significant hardship.

More than 20 families have lost their houses due to landslides in the area. The CM directed the immediate completion of the suspension bridge, repair works in rain-affected areas, and road repairs and construction.

Siddaramaiah visited one of the relief camps and spoke with the people who had taken shelter there. He advised them to approach the District Administration and MLAs if they needed additional facilities at the camp.

Camp residents reported that they were being provided with food and all necessary facilities. People from tribal communities have also taken shelter at the relief camp.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah interacting with the people who have taken shelter at one of the relief camps in Kodagu yesterday as State Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, District in-Charge Minister N.S. Boseraju and others look on.

Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, who was also present with the CM, inquired about the nutrition of children at the camp, and locals confirmed that nutritious food was being provided.

Responding to demands for road works, the CM assured that road repairs would commence once the rains recede.

On the financial and logistical measures being taken to address the rain damage, Siddaramaiah announced that the State has allocated Rs. 746 crore, with an additional Rs. 46 crore available in the Kodagu Deputy Commissioner's Personal Deposit. He assured that more funds would be provided if necessary to aid recovery efforts.

The Chief Minister highlighted the severity of the situation, noting that incessant rains have exacerbated the damage. "Landslides have occurred in 20 locations, with smaller landslides affecting several other areas. Fortunately, there have been no fatalities, but there are injuries. Sixty-seven houses have been destroyed and 176 have suffered partial damage," Siddaramaiah stated.

He also addressed the damage to infrastructure, including 344 km of public and panchayat roads and 2,708 fallen electric poles, of which all but 150 have been restored. A total of 47 damaged transformers have been reinstalled and repair work is ongoing. Additionally, horticultural crops on 28 hectares have been damaged, prompting a joint survey by the Coffee Board and Revenue Department.

Over 14 relief camps have been established, housing 186 displaced individuals. The CM emphasised the urgency of completing the retaining wall repair work at the Deputy Commissioner's Office by December. He also noted that the region has experienced 50 percent more rainfall than usual this season.

District in-Charge Minister N.S. Boseraju, MLAs A.S. Ponnanna, Dr. Mantar Gowda, former Minister M.C. Nanaiah, KPCC Women's Wing President Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath, former MLC Veena Achaiah, Congress leader H.S. Chandramouli and others were present.

Implementation of Kasturirangan Committee Report

'Decision after discussing with Forest Minister'

Madikeri, Aug. 3 (PS&BCT)- At a press conference held after inspecting landslide and flood-affected areas in Kodagu, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah revealed that the decision to reject the Kasturirangan Committee Report on the conservation of the Western Ghats will be finalised following further discussions with the Forest Minister.

He added that the report, which has been a point of contention, will be reviewed more thoroughly before a final and suitable decision is made. "The Government is against the implementation of the Kasturirangan Committee Report. Though the Government rejected the report, we will discuss the issue with Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre and not make a hasty decision. The issue needs more discussions before arriving at any decision," he added.

Environmentalists in the State have been pressing for the implementation of the report to protect the fragile landscape. Still, it has been rejected by all political parties, giving in to considerations other than ecological protection.

When the Chief Minister's attention was drawn to the report of the Geological Survey of India for a permanent solution to the problem of landslips, Siddaramaiah said he would review and discuss it.

Wayanad landslides: Centre moves draft to declare 57,000 sq km of Western Ghats as Eco-Sensitive

New Delhi, Aug. 3 (Agencies) - In the aftermath of the Wayanad landslide tragedy, the Centre has issued a draft notification to declare around 57,000 square kilometres of the Western Ghats across six States as an 'Ecologically Sensitive Area' (ESA).

The notification includes 20,668 sq km in Karnataka, 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala, 17,340 sq km in Maharashtra, 449 sq km in Gujarat, 1,461 sq km in Goa, 6,914 sq km in Tamil Nadu.

The Centre has invited suggestions and objections on the draft notification within 60 days after which, the notification will be issued. The draft notification seeks a consensus among the six States involved since the issue emerged in 2011.

Headed by former Director General of Forests Sanjay Kumar, the five-member committee is focusing on creating an Eco-Sensitive Area framework that will gain consensus from all stakeholders on infrastructure issues and the protection of biodiversity in the Western Ghats.

According to the draft notification, the Western Ghats, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the eight 'hottest hotspots' of biological diversity in the world, are to be declared as an Ecologically Sensitive Area.

A complete ban on mining, quarrying and sand mining is suggested. The notification also proposes to phase out existing mines within five years from the date of issue of the final notification or on the expiry of the existing mining lease, whichever is earlier.

All new and expansion projects of building and construction with built-up areas of 20,000 square metres and above, and all new and expansion townships and area development projects with an area of 50 hectares and above or with built-up areas of 1,50,000 square meters and above, shall be prohibited.

However, there shall be no restriction on the repair, extension, or renovation of existing residential houses in the Eco-Sensitive Area as per prevailing laws and regulations.

In 2013, the Government formed the Dr. K. Kasturirangan Committee to provide recommendations on protecting the Eco-Sensitive Western Ghats. Similarly, in 2011, the Madhav Gadgil Committee also recommended conservation and prevention measures for the Western Ghats.

The Gadgil Committee recommended that 64 percent of the Western Ghats be designated as Eco-Sensitive Areas, while the Dr. Kasturirangan Committee reduced this to 37 percent. The Madhav Gadgil Committee Report on the ecology of the Western Ghats in 2011 suggested that the entire region be declared as Eco-Sensitive, with very limited development allowed in certain areas.

HC upholds Amendment Law ending Kodagu Jamma Bane land tenure

- Amendment confers full ownership rights over Jamma Bane land. No partition deed needed for obtaining RTC
- Petitioners had claimed the law disrupts Kodava joint family

Bengaluru, Aug. 3 - The High Court (HC) of Karnataka has upheld the constitutional validity of the Karnataka Land Revenue (III) Amendment Act, 2011.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj dismissed a batch of petitions filed by Brigadier Maletira A. Devaiah (Retd.) and others.

The petitioners, belonging to the Kodava race, had contended that two amendments, the explanation for 'occupant' under Section 20(2) and Section 80 on payment of land revenue, disrupts the Kodava joint family system.

They argued that **revenue authorities had been insisting** on joint family members furnishing partition deeds for the purpose of entry of their names in the records as "occupant." This compels joint families to enter into a **partition deed** against their customary and religious practice.

Full ownership

Additional Advocate General Vikram Huilgol submitted that persons in possession of **Jamma Bane lands** will be registered as "occupants" entitling them full ownership of the said land, bringing about uniformity in the State's land revenue system.

Justice Govindaraj cited the

affidavit filed by the Under-Secretary to the Revenue Department wherein it is categorically stated that **there would be no requirement for a partition** to be effected for the purpose of registration of the **name of a family member in the RTCs,** and/or for 11-E sketch to be obtained as regards the area falling to the share of each individual family members.

"By way of amendment, what is now only achieved is that the **entire family would be registered as the occupant of the land including Jamma Bane land.** The names of all the members of the family would also be entered into in Column No. 9, thereby recognising the rights of the entire family in respect of the property owned by the family including Jamma Bane land," the Court said.

The Court further said that **if any member of the family wants to separate,** the same would have to be done in accordance with an agreement between the parties or in accordance with law, since the Kodavas are governed by the **Mitakshara school of the Hindu law.**

"As such, it would be governed by the **Hindu Succession Act, 1956,** as amended from time to time. Ultimately the **effect of the impugned amendment is to confer full ownership rights over the Jamma Bane land and does not in any manner COMPEL any member of the family to partition/separate himself or herself from the family and/or for the property to be divided by metes and bounds,"** the Court said.

NOTE: *For centuries the original intention of this unique land tenure known as Jamma land (both Bane and wetland) was to ensure the land in Kodagu remained with the local population without being sold to outsiders etc. Now with Jamma tenure gone, the owners of the land, after this amendment, can sell his or her (share of) land to any outsider and this disrupts the family. Earlier, the land could be sold only to another Jamma land holder.* ***—Ed.***

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje felicitated at City BJP Office

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (BLU&VNS) - Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, who visited the City BJP Office here yesterday for the first time after assuming the office of Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Labour and Employment, was felicitated by the party leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, she said CM Siddaramaiah must own the responsibility for Valmiki Corporation scam and added that former Minister B. Nagendra was made a scapegoat.

Shobha, who said she would be participating in the *Mysuru Chalo Padayatra,* added that she will be present for the flagging-off and valedictory as she had to attend the ongoing Parliament Session in New Delhi.

She also took strong exception to *Janandolana Public Rally* by the Congress to counter the *Padayatra* by BJP-JD(S).

Earlier, Shobha Karandlaje, like every year visited Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill on the occasion of last Ashada Friday. Shobha said that she had prayed for well-being of the people at a time when the country was facing heavy floods and drought situation.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP President L. Nagendra, former Mayors Sandesh Swamy and Shivakumar, leaders B.P. Manjunath, M.V. Ravishankar, Mangala Somashekar and others were present.

Advocates Forum calls for immediate implementation of inner reservation

Senior advocate S. Arunkumar addressing a press meet in city yesterday as senior advocates Dasaiah, Shivakumar, Rajendra, Raju and Madhu look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (GA&DM)- Terming the Supreme Court judgement on inner reservation among SC communities as a historic one, the city's Samajika Nyayapara Vedike (Advocates Forum) has demanded immediate implementation of the SC order.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Vedike's senior advocate S. Arunkumar said that the Vedike welcomes the SC judgement granting powers to State Governments on inner reservation among SC communities.

Pointing out that the previous Basavaraj Bommai and the current Siddaramaiah Governments had recommended the Centre for implementation of inner reservation, he said as such, CM Siddaramaiah should immediately convene a Cabinet meeting in this regard.

Noting that Andhra Pradesh had taken steps for inner categorisation ahead of implementation of inner reservation, he said that however, Punjab Government in 1975 and Haryana Government in 1994 failed in their attempts.

"Following a massive Madiga movement in Andhra Pradesh, the then Andhra Government headed by Chandrababu Naidu constituted Justice Ramachandraraju Commission in 1996. This Commission categorised the SC communities and sub-castes as Madiga, Mala, Adi Andhra and Ralli (Mehtar) and recommended reservation of 6,6,1 and 1 percent respectively to them within the SC reservation quota," Arunkumar pointed out.

Acting swiftly on the Ramachandraraju Commission Report, the Naidu Government issued an order on implementation of inner reservation. But this order was questioned in the Supreme Court, which annulled the order on the grounds that the Andhra Government did not consult the National SC/ST Commission before issuing the order on inner reservation. However, in the meantime, the Andhra Government gets the President of India's approval for promulgation of the order that provides inner reservation. This too was questioned by 'Maala Mahanadu,' an anti-inner reservation organisation in a Court of Law. But, even as the Mahanadu's petition remained pending in the Court, the Andhra Government introduced the 'Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes Rationalisation of Reservation Act, 2000' and this Act too was questioned in the Court. However, the Andhra HC questioned the writ petition filed by 'Maala Mahanadu.'

After decades of struggles and legal battles, a 7-member SC Bench headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud issued an order devolving powers to State Governments on implementation of inner reservation among SC communities. Accordingly, the Karnataka Government which already has a scientific report on inner reservation in its hands, should take immediate measures for its implementation, Arun Kumar demanded.

CM welcomes SC order on inner reservation

Bengaluru, Aug. 3- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has welcomed the Supreme Court order upholding the States' authority for implementation of inner reservation for the most backward among SC/ST communities.

In a text posted on X (formerly Twitter), Siddaramaiah said that the main hurdle in the implementation of inner reservation for the most backward among SC/ST communities has been cleared following the Supreme Court order. He would discuss the controversial creamy layer issue and other issues with his Cabinet colleagues from the SC/ST community and legal experts on the implementation of the SC order.

"The Congress is committed for providing inner reservation among SC/ST communities. The Party had also promised the implementation of the recommendations of Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission Report on inner reservation, in its manifesto for last year's Assembly polls. The Government will thoroughly study the Justice Sadashiva Commission Report, following which the modalities for the implementation of the Report will be discussed and finalised," he said adding that the Government will come up with a clear decision in this regard soon.

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 3)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar expo-cum-sale of Handicrafts and Handloom products, Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 4 pm.**
- **Spoorthi, Women's Wing of Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 'Spoorthi Utsava' - an exhibition of sarees, salwar, kurthas, jewellery, home decors, kitchenware, gift items, pottery, handicrafts, food court among others, Jayamma Govinde Gowda Community Hall, Kuvempunagar, **up to 8.30 pm.** [Entry is free.]
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm;** 'Nanna Haadu Nannadu' film songs programme by Raag & Rhythm team, **6.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Mysuru-Zone:** Award Function of tournaments conducted during 2022-23 and 2023-24, KSCA Hon. President A. Raghuram Bhat, Hon. Secretary A. Shankar and Hon. Treasurer E.S. Jairam, guests of honour, Nityotsava Convention Centre, near Ballal Circle, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni - 839, story-telling by Dakshinamurthy Krishnakumar, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Malini Nritya Shale Mattu Samskrutika Kendra, Mysuru and Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru:** Vachana Gayana, Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, chief guest, Bharatanatya dance performance by danseuse Dr. Malini, felicitation to art patron N. Shivakumar, Namana Kala Mantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.**
- **RAAGA Music Academy:** Decennial celebrations, 99th vocal concert by Vidu. Koviladi Archana L. Rao accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. Tumakuru B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. S.N. Narayana Murthy on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Naatya Sabha, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam solo performances by Amrutha Bhat from Bengaluru and Avani Shandilya from New York, USA, Rama Govind Kalavedike, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysore Local Centre:** Talk on 'Research Tools and Ethics,' by Dr. Bharathi, Professor, Department of Computer Application, JSSSTU, Dr. R. Deepu, Chairman, IEI, presides, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 4)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana to Sri Rajarajeswari Devi, Mahapurnahuti of Shatachandi Yaga, Phala Samarpana to the Mother Goddess at Chamundi Devi Temple, Tailabhisheka to Lord Dattatreya, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Akshara Nada Publications - ASTR, Bengaluru, Aksharanada - Kale Sahitya Samskrutika Vedike, Bengaluru and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** 'Kavi Kavya Katha Sangama - 1st Edition,' 1st anniversary of *Akshara Nada* and release of 38 books, author & thinker Aravind Malagatti inaugurates, *Akshara Nada* Founder-Editor Dr. Shruti Madhusudan delivers a keynote address, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **9.30 am to 4 pm.**
- **Spoorthi, Women's Wing of Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 'Spoorthi Utsava' — an exhibition of sarees, salwar, kurthas, jewellery, home decors, kitchenware, gift items, pottery, handicrafts, food court among others, Jayamma Govinde Gowda Community Hall, Kuvempunagar, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Manthana Mysuru:** Launching of Dr. G.B. Harisha's book 'Ellarigu Bekada Ambedkar - Gotte Irada Adesto Sangathigalu' (Everyone's Ambedkar - Unknown facts about him), University of Mysore VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath, author Dr. G.B. Harish and Dr. Sudhakar Hosalli will be the key speakers, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) premises, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Prof. K. Venkatagirigowda Samskrutika Mattu Shaikshanika Parishat, Mysuru, Hanyalu Prakashana, Mysuru and Samvahana Prakashana, Mysuru:** Releasing of Alakere J. Ramalingegowda's (retd. Additional Commissioner, Commercial Tax Department) translated books — '108 Pearls of Wisdom' (Collections of Basavana Vachanas) and 'Ababil - A Flock of Tiny Birds - KAREEMA' (translation of 100 Telugu Vachanas) — Prof. C. Naganna (retd. Professor of University of Mysore) releases the books and speaks about the books, Prof. Kaleem Ahmad (Principal, MESCO ITI, Mysuru) presides, Rotary West, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar), Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-296, Sri Parashivamurthy Swamiji of Baradanapura (President of Mahadeshwara Educational Institutions, Doora) graces the occasion, Bhavani Lokesh, Founder, DVG Kagga Balaga, Mandya, delivers lecture on 'Mankutimmana Kagga - Ondu Munnota,' felicitation to the newly-appointed members of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayata Mahasabha, Mysuru District Unit; H.V. Basavaraju (Hinkal), President, Basava Samiti (Hebbal-Vijayanagar), presides, Basava Bhavana, CA Site-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Surabhi Ganakalamandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 'Aralu Pratibhe' programme, Karnatak Classical

Vidu. Anjana *Vid. Yashaswi* *Vid. Nandan*

Music Concert by Vidu. Anjana Nagaraja (USA), accompanied by Vid. Tumakuru Yashaswi (Mysuru) on violin and Vid. Nandan Kashyap (Mysuru) on mridanga, Rasavrinda, #1095, Devaparthiva Road, Chamarajapuram, **10.30 am. [NOTE: In the news item published in *Star of Mysore* yesterday (page-9), the time of this event was inadvertently mentioned as 6 pm. The error is regretted —Ed]**

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar expo-cum-sale of Handicrafts and Handloom products, Urban Haat premises, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10.30 am to 4 pm.**
- **Kodagu Gowda Samaja and Kodagu & Dakshina Kannada District Gowda Mahila Samaja, Mysuru:** 'Food Mela' (Aaati Gouji) for community members, Kodagu Gowda Samaja Sabha Bhavan, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **11 am.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **RAAGA Music Academy:** Decennial Celebrations, 100th Concert - Grand Veena-Violin Duet by Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh & Vid. R. Kumaresh couple, accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Trichy Krishnaswamy on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** Staging of play 'Prameelarjuneeyam,' written by M.L. Srikantesha Gowda, music by Digvijaya Heggod, directed by Megha Sameer, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ashtanga Yoga Vijnana Mandiram, Mysuru:** Discourse on 'Dharma - Ondu Sthiti ' by Vid. B.G. Ananth, #957, Seshadri Iyer Road, Lakshmipuram, **6.45 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

'Walkmate' Mysuru donates battery-operated vehicle to Zoo

Walkmate Footwear, Mysuru, donated an eco-friendly battery-operated vehicle to Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo), for use by Zoo visitors, under its CSR activities. Walkmate Managing Director Bastian Joseph, Director Roshan Bastian and General Manager Kumaraswamy are seen handing over the key of the vehicle to Range Forest Officer (RFO) M.T. Ramachandrappa and Mysuru Zoo Security Officer G.V. Prasad.

Medal-winning karatekas

The students of GSSS School, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, have excelled at the Taluk-level Karate Tournament conducted by Physical Education Department, Mysuru South, on July 25 at Kaveri Vidya Samsthe, Mysuru. Seen are (from left) M. Shreyas - Silver Medal in below 35-kg category; M. Shamik - Gold in below 30-kg category; N. Shreyas Gourpade - Karate Instructor; M. Manya - Gold in below 30-kg category and S. Abhamani - Silver in below 60-kg category.

Throwball Tourney on Aug. 18

Mysuru, Aug. 3- Mysore District Amateur Throwball Association will be conducting District Level Throwball Tournament for High School Boys and Girls on Aug. 18 at Manasa Sarovara Pushkarini Vidyashrama School ground at Vijayanagar in city.

Entry for competition is free. Participating schools will be served food during the tournament. Last date for registration is Aug. 13. For registration, contact: Association Secretary N. Kashinath on Mob: 94481-00093 or P. Mahadev on Mob: 97437-30873.

INDIA'S SCHEDULE AUGUST 3

PARIS 2024

ARCHERY

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL QUARTER-FINAL
(Subject to qualification) **4.30 pm onwards**

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL SEMI-FINAL
(Subject to qualification) **5.22 pm onwards**

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL BRONZE MEDAL MATCH
(Subject to qualification) **6.03 pm onwards**

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDAL MATCH
(Subject to qualification) **6.16 pm onwards**

BOXING

MEN'S 71KG QUARTER-FINALS
Nishant Dev VS **Marco Alonso Verde Alvarez (Mex)**
12.18 am (Aug. 4)

SHOOTING

MEN'S SKEET FINAL
(Subject to qualification) **7 pm onwards**

MOVIE LOVERS

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Mahadeshwara Theatre — **Mob: 99008-20093**
Kalki (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre — **Ph: 2420885**
Hebbuli (K) 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre — **Mob: 9886325207**
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre — **Ph: 2443568**
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre — **Ph: 2452958**
Pechi (Ta) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre — **Ph: 2520494**
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Padma Theatre — **Ph: 2521923**
Pechi (Ta) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre — **Ph: 2423554**
Boat (Ta) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre — **Ph: 2422871**
Raayan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Raayan (Ta)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 10 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	(S-1)	4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-2)	3.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)	(S-2)	7 pm
Ishq (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Hebbuli (K)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
Buddy (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Roopantara (K)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 7 pm, 9.45 pm

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Raayan (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 7 pm, 9.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	1.30 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	4.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	6.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Idiyan Chandhu (Ma)	:	6.50 pm

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Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (H-3D)	:	10.15 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 2.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Ulajh (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.25 am
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	:	12 noon, 4.15 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	12.35 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (H)	:	5.50 pm
Ishq (K)	:	1.30 pm
Bad Newz (H)	:	4.20 pm
Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Bidurbhai (Assamese)	:	7 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	7.15 pm
Raja Babu (H)	:	10 pm

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Trailers Screening Show	:	11.55 am
Raayan (Ta)	:	12 noon, 6.10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	12.10 pm, 3.10 pm, 6.05 pm, 9 pm
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	12.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Despicable Me 4 (E)	:	12.30 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	2.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Hebbuli (K)	:	3.05 pm
Adios Amigo (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Devadoothan (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

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Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 6.10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.05 am
Kalki 2898 AD (K)	:	11.45 am, 6.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Shivam Bhaje (Te)	:	3.25 pm
Boat (Ta)	:	4.05 pm
Dangal (H)	:	9.20 pm

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Mazhai Pidikatha Manithan (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 7.25 am
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.05 am
Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha (H)	:	11.45 am, 2.50 pm 5.55 pm, 9 pm
Adavi Katte (K)	:	1 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Devadoothan (Ma)	:	6.25 pm, 9.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Compassionate healthcare is a direct service to humanity: CM

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seen inaugurating 'Robotic Knee and Hip Joint Replacement Centre' in city recently as Congress leader Mariswamy, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Dr. Nikhita, GC's Sports Medicine Centre and Multispeciality Hospital Chief Dr. Girish Chandra and MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (MK&BCT)- Doctors must be socially oriented in their work and always conscientious of their professional duties, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Speaking at the recent inauguration of 'Robotic Knee and Hip Joint Replacement Centre' by GC's Sports Medicine Centre and Multispeciality Hospital at Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza, he emphasised the importance of humane treatment for all patients.

Siddaramaiah noted that while the wealthy can afford private hospitals, the poor often rely on government facilities. If a poor person visits a private hospital, doctors should treat them with compassion. "Providing affordable treatment to the poor in private hospitals would not only attract more people but also directly serve humanity," he said.

He stressed that if all hospitals cater exclusively to the wealthy, the common man would lose faith in the healthcare system and struggle with daily life. "Doctors enter the profession to serve people. When they help save lives, they are remembered and appreciated. Therefore, it is crucial to have concern for the poor and society," the CM added.

Recalling his aspiration to become a doctor during his student days, he said "I also wanted to become a doctor, but I did not get an MBBS seat" and added that he subsequently studied law and entered politics.

He also mentioned his acquaintance with hospital owner Dr. Girish Chandra's father, Dr. Kullaiah, who hailed from Kuppegala, a village near Siddaramanahundi, the CM's native place in Varuna.

Fear of knees, hip surgeries

"Orthopaedician Dr. Chandra, who served at Mysore Medical College, made efforts to use advanced technology in knee and hip joint replacement. Today, many people undergo these procedures, whereas earlier, there was a fear that such surgeries would leave them bedridden. Now, even those in their 70s and 80s are undergoing these operations," he said.

"In fact, knee pain or related issues typically start developing after the age of 60. Even though I experience occasional pain, I have not consulted a doctor yet. In Bengaluru, there are hospitals exclusively treating knees and hips. Dr. Girish Chandra's hospital is the first-of-its-kind in Mysuru. I will come to you for treatment," Siddaramaiah said.

He urged Dr. Chandra to be lenient with charges for poor patients. "Even though poor people go to government hospitals for medical treatment, please be considerate if they come to your hospital," he advised.

Mysuru District in-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa remarked that technological advancements have revolutionised the medical field, enabling precision surgeries with robotics and patients experience no pain.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan, leader Mariswamy, GC's Sports Medicine Centre and Multispeciality Hospital Chief Dr. Girish Chandra, Dr. Nikhita and hospital staff were present.

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